Security Staff in Public Sector units

1386. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the public sector units in the Capital, such as Mother Dairy and Indian Oil Corporation, have been employing security and other staff through private contractors;

(b) whether Government are aware that 30 per cent of the emoluments paid by these units are actually pocketed by the contractors;

(c) whether Government are also aware that the contractors do not pay any statu tory benefits, such as medical aid P.F. etc. to the contract labour and that their services are terminated before completion of five years in order to escape from payment of the above benefits; and

(d) if BO, whether Government propose to appoint a high powered Parliamentary Committee to go into this serious infringement of Government directives on contract labour by public sector units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) According jot the infor-.mation received from Delhi AdministrEU tion, Mother Dairy and Indian Oil Corporation are employing some categories of workmen, including security staff, through contractors.

(b) to (d) No specific instances of his nature have come to notice. Whenerer complaints of exploitation of labour or contravention of labour laws are received they are forwarded to the appropriate agencies for suitable action. The Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 does not envisage complete abolition of contract labours. It provides for its aholftion wherever possible and regulation in other cases. There is no proposal to ap point a high powered Parliamentary Com mittee. .

Poaching by a Diplomat

1387. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVLNID-RAO PATIL : Will the Minister of EX-TERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in "India Today' of September 15, 1986 to the effect that a West Asian diplomat was caught while poaching;

(b) if so, the name of the country to which the diplomat belonged and the action taken in the matter; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to check the incidents of poaching by diplomats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Government have no information to confirm the veracity of the news report.

(b) Does not arise. However, Government have received general reports about diplomats not carrying the requisite licences engaging in game hunting in states adjoining Delhi.

(c) Existing regulations relating to game hunting apply as much to foreign diplomats as to other Indian or foreign individuals. These regulations have been repeatedly brought to the attention of foreign nvssions in Delhi.

Port calls by U.S. warships at Indian' Porte

1388. SHRI SHARAD YADAV : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the January, 1985 issue of the publication Asian Surrey, Vol. XXV, Mo. F about port calls by U.S. warships at Indian ports during the year 1984-85; and

(b) if so, what steps, if any, were taken to ensure that these warships wer e. not